

§85.50 PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 1 of rule XXII, petitions and papers were laid on the clerk's desk and referred as follows:

73. The SPEAKER presented a petition of Citizens of Washington, D.C., relative to petitioning the United States Congress to take prompt action by enacting legislation to provide the citizens of the District with full voting representation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

74. Also, a petition of the Legislature of Rockland County, New York, relative to Resolution No. 305 of 1998 expressing its support for the Hudson River Reassessment being conducted by the U.S. EPA under the Superfund, including evaluation of traditional disposal methods as well as innovative technologies that can be used to destroy PCBs; jointly to the Committees on Commerce and Transportation and Infrastructure.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1998
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The House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

§86.1 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Wednesday, September 9, 1998.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal was approved.

§86.2 COMMUNICATIONS

Executive and other communications, pursuant to clause 2, rule XXIV, were referred as follows:

10813. A letter from the Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Official/Unofficial Weighing Service (RIN: 0580-AA55) received September 2, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

10814. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Commonwealth of Kentucky [KY-104-9818a; FRL-6152-9] received August 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10815. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision; Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District [CA 102-0091a; FRL-6150-9] received August 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10816. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Conditional Limited Approval of Major VOC Source RACT and Minor VOC Source Requirements [MD003-3024a, MD025-3024a, MD066-3024a; FRL-6148-9] received August 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10817. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Emergency Revision of the Land Disposal Restrictions (LDR) Treatment Standards for Listed Hazardous Wastes from Carbamate Production

[EPA # F-96-P32F-FFFFF; FRL-6134-5] (RIN: 2050-ZA00) received August 28, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10818. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Lead; Fees for Accreditation of Training Programs and Certification of Lead-based Paint Activities Contractors [OPPTS-62158A; FRL-6017-8] (RIN: 2070-AD11) received August 28, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10819. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Public Water System Program; Removal of Obsolete Rule [FRL-6121-7] received August 25, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10820. A letter from the AMD-Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Forbearance from Applying Provisions of the Communications Act to Wireless Telecommunications Carriers [WT Docket No. 98-100] received August 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10821. A letter from the AMD-Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Old Forge and Newport Village, New York) [MM Docket No. 97-179 RM-9064] received August 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10822. A letter from the AMD-Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments FM Broadcast Stations (Redwood, Mississippi) [MM Docket No. 96-231 RM-8903] received August 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10823. A letter from the AMD-Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Review of the Commission's Rules regarding the main studio and local public inspection files of broadcast television and radio stations [MM Docket No. 97-138, RM-8855, RM-8856, RM-8857, RM-8858, RM-8872] received August 25, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10824. A letter from the AMD-Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Warrenton and Enfield, North Carolina and La Crosse and Powhatan, Virginia) [MM Docket No. 97-229, RM-9100, RM-9231] received August 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10825. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Guides for the Feather and Down Products Industry [16 CFR Part 253] received August 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10826. A letter from the Policy and Regulations Specialist, Fish and Wildlife Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska, Subpart C & Subpart D—1998-1999 Subsistence Taking of Fish and Wildlife Regulations; Correcting Amendments (RIN: 1018-AE12) received August 25, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

10827. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Whiting Closure for the Catcher/Processor Sector [Docket No. 971229312-7312-01; I.D. 072798A] received August 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

10828. A letter from the Assistant Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—National Marine Sanctuary Program Regulations; Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Regulations; Anchoring on Tortugas Bank [Docket 971014245-8190-03] (RIN: 0648-AK45) received August 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

10829. A letter from the Assistant Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Technical Amendment [Docket No. 980716182-8182-01; I.D. 062298C] received August 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

10830. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule—Miscellaneous Changes to Trademark Trial and Appeal Board Rules [Docket No. 970428100-8199-03] (RIN: 0651-AA87) received August 28, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

10831. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Notice 98-41 received August 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

10832. A letter from the Senior Attorney, Copyright Office, The Library of Congress, transmitting Activities under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

§86.3 DECORUM IN DEBATE

The SPEAKER addressed the question of the decorum in the House and said:

"With the concurrence of the Minority Leader, the Chair would take this occasion to make an announcement regarding proper decorum during debate in the House, including one-minute and special-order speeches, specifically with regard to references to the President of the United States.

"As indicated in section 17 of Jefferson's Manual, which under rule XLII is incorporated as a part of the Rules of the House, Members engaging in debate must abstain from language that is personally offensive toward the President, including references to various types of unethical behavior.

"Rulings in this Congress, which will be annotated in the accompanying section 370 of the House Rules and Manual, include references to alleged criminal conduct. This documented restriction extends to referencing extraneous material personally abusive of the President that would be improper if spoken as the Member's own words.

"Occupants of the Chair in this Congress and in prior Congresses have con-